



**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

BOX RCE

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/851,247
Confirmation Number	3007
Filing Date	May 09, 2001
First Named Inventor	Michael T. ROSSI
Group Art Unit	2874
Examiner Name	Sung H. Pak
Matter Number	A7966
Title	GEL-SWELLABLE LAYERS ON FIBERS, FIBER RIBBONS AND BUFFER TUBES

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
i. ☒ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
previously filed on January 21, 2003
ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
v. ☐ Other _____

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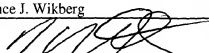
2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a
period of _____ months
b. ☐ Other _____

3. FEES

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all
required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any
overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY

Name Terrance J. Wikberg Registration No. 47,177
Signature  Date March 13, 2003